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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicant thanks Examiner's Supervisor Lesley Morris for her courtesy during the telephonic interview conducted with the undersigned attorney on May 18, 2004. The purpose of the interview was to discuss the Notice of Non-Compliance, dated May 14, 2004 concerning Applicant's appeal brief, which was filed on October 30, 2003 and re-submitted on January 29, 2004.

The status of Claims 25 and 26 was first discussed. It was agreed that Applicant need not cancel the claims in an after

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final amendment, but rather, that Applicant could indicate their status as withdrawn in the Status of Claims section of the brief.

Applicant's claim groupings and arguments addressing the separate groupings were next discussed. Applicant explained that the argument headings necessarily followed the rejections in the Final Office Action. Applicant further explained that to restructure the brief based on the claim groupings would be confusing and inconsistent with the requirement that a separate argument heading be provided for each issue. 37 C.F.R.

1.192(c)(8). Applicant also explained that the features which distinguished its claim groupings from one another were not implicated by every rejection. Thus, separate arguments were not made for each claim grouping under each argument heading.

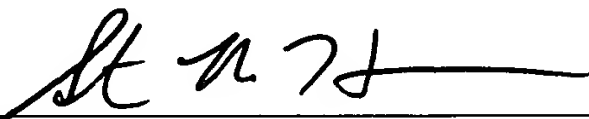
Instead, the separate arguments were provided under the argument heading for the particular combination of references that implicated the grouping's distinguishing features.

The Examiner directed Applicant to submit a revised brief including separate arguments for Claims 28 and 39 since they were each grouped separately from Applicant's other claims. However, the Examiner agreed that separate argument headings were not required for each claim grouping.

Respectfully submitted,

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